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In re application of:
Howard Daniel Kent **DECISION ON PETITION**
Serial No.: 09/598,181
Filed: June 21, 2000
For: Rubber to Metal Bonding Method

This is a decision on the petition received May 22, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed August 11, 2000. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned October 12, 2000. A notice of abandonment was mailed on May 7, 2002.

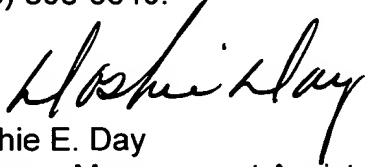
On May 2, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgment that all the requirements were met at the time of filing and the Notice to File Missing parts mailed August 28, 2000 was in error.

In reviewing the scan copies of the application the transmittal is missing. The attorney has sent in a copy of a transmittal from application 09/045,662. This transmittal does not pertain to the above application.

A new transmittal must be sent in using the correct application number 09/598,181 for finance purposes.

The petition is hereby GRANTED.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to Doshie E. Day at (703) 308-3640.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doshie E. Day".

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